(b) whether China has also been supporting Pakistan nuclear and missile programme without similar action being taken against it; and

(c) if so, the steps Government are taking on this issue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI VINOD KHANNA): (a) Yes. On May 23, 2003, the U.S. State Department imposed a two-year ban on U.S. imports from North China Industries Corporation (NORINCO), because the Chinese firm engaged in proliferation activities. According to news reports, NORINCO provided missile technology to Iran.

(b) Sanctions were imposed on China and Pakistan by the USA for transfer of missile related equipment in the past, the latest being in September 2001.

(c) Government has consistently highlighted, in relevant fora, the adverse effect on the security environment of continuing nuclear and missile proliferation in India's neighbourhood in the face of various export control regimes, and declarations of restraint and restrictions by supplier countries.

Incorrect depiction of Indian maps

511. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Indian maps wrongly depicted by various publications abroad and examined by the Policy Planning and Research Division of his Ministry during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the number of cases of incorrect depiction of the Indian map registered during the last three years, year-wise; and

(c) the rectifications that have been carried out in the wrong maps?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI VIINOD KHANNA): (a) to (c) According to the information available with the Ministry of External Affairs, given below is the break-up of the maps published during the last three years which do not depict India's external boundaries correctly:—

Year	Number of instances
2000	Four
2001	One
2002	Two
2003	One

All these maps were examined in the Policy Planning & Research Division. As per the existing practice in this regard, the concerned Indian Mission/Post was asked to take up this issue with the concerned publishers/agencies and to impress upon them not to repeat these distortions/discrepancies in their future publications.

Discussions on Alternate Trade and Yatra Routes with China

†512. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any discussion with regard to opening of alternate routes for the trade purpose and Kailash-Mansarovar Yatra, have taken place between India and China during the Prime Minister's visit to China;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether China has agreed to India's request to allow Kailash- . Mansarovar Yatra through alternate route also beside traditional route; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI VINOD KHANNA): (a) to (d) During Prime Minister's visit to China in June 2003 India and China signed a Memorandum on Expanding Border Trade, which adds Nathula as another pass on the India-China border for conducting border trade. The Indian side has agreed to designate Changgu of Sikkim state as the venue for border trade market, while the Chinese side has agreed to designate Renquinggang of the Tibet Autonomous Region as the venue for border trade market.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.